



# UCL

## What is UCL Public Policy?

### A guide for UCL researchers

#### What are we trying to do?

UCL is London's research powerhouse – with 5,700 research and academic staff, and 4,900 research students – generating specialist knowledge across the entire spectrum of academic disciplines. UCL Public Policy is an initiative of the Office of the Vice-Provost (Research) which aims to exploit UCL's research strength and collective expertise by supporting our research to inform policymaking and embedding policy engagement across UCL.

UCL Public Policy seeks to:

- offer routes for public policy engagement to UCL researchers
- provide an interface for researchers and policymakers
- translate research into public policy-focused outputs
- draw together public policy-related activity at UCL
- deliver specific public policy-focused activities.

#### What can we offer you

Funding – A small grants scheme and funded policy placements

Opportunities to participate in policy-focused activities – Policy roundtables, public policy events and development of research summaries for policymakers

Advice, guidance, and training – Online resources and advice sessions to help you enhance the policy impact of your research

Support for researcher-led policy engagement – Including funding applications and Select Committee inquiries

#### How you can get involved

Researchers can contribute to regular UCL Public Policy activities such as:

- policy events held with external partners
- policy roundtable meetings, which bring together researchers and policymakers to discuss topical issues, facilitating dialogue and networking
- research summaries aimed at policymakers

If you have an idea for a potential partner, event or topic, please get in touch

## Funding

UCL Public Policy provides funding for researchers via two schemes:

- Policy Placements: enables researchers to spend time in policy organisations on a flexible basis
- Small Grants Scheme: annual awards to encourage activities that enhance policy engagement or policy impact from research.

## Advice, guidance and training

UCL Public Policy offers advice and support to researchers and departments through:

- guidance materials including:
  - routes to public policy engagement
  - how to write research summaries for policymakers
  - how to organise an event for policymakers
  - what to tell policymakers about your research
  - Evaluation
- advice on pathways to impact
- organising ‘In conversation with...’ sessions for researchers to hear from policymakers with experience of engaging with research
- holding ‘advice surgeries’ for researchers

Please contact us if you would like to suggest other materials or training sessions.

## Support for researcher-led policy engagement

UCL Public Policy can offer support for individual researchers or groups wishing to:

- make a submission to a Select Committee inquiry
- contribute to Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology projects
- apply to be on Government advisory committees
- apply for public policy-focused funding schemes
- design an event aimed at policymakers
- communicate research to policymakers.

## Find out more

UCL Public Policy publishes a regular newsletter providing news of ongoing policy inquiries and select committees, UCL Public Policy activities and funding opportunities. Sign up at [www.ucl.ac.uk/public-policy/newsletters](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/public-policy/newsletters)

We are happy to support other policy-focused activities – please get in touch.

## Get in touch

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